Expansion of secondary education

†3375. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN-RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central scheme for expansion of secondary education is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the outlines of this scheme; and

(c) the manner in which the children who were imparted elementary education after implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan will receive secondary education facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Government is committed to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible & affordable to all young persons, a concept paper for implementing a scheme on universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education througout the country has been prepared, with the objective to provide access to secondary schools within a reasonable distance of habitation, to improve the quality of education at the secondary stage and to reduce disparity. A budget provision has also been made during the year 2007-08.

Modern education in Madarsas

3376. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any scheme for implementation of modern education in Madarsas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from States for setting up of such institutions; and

(d) if so, whether Government would provide financial assistance for setting up of such minority educational institutes?

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